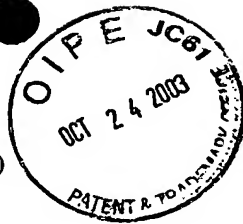


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SERIAL NO: 10/025,653 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 26, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1775  
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TOOLS, CUTTING TOOL COATED WITH :  
HARD FILM, PROCESS FOR FORMING :  
HARD FILM, AND TARGET USED TO :  
FORM HARD FILM

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.